

## INDUSTRY

The above mentioned Comparison of Land Use Chart shows that Biscoe has the next to highest percentage of land devoted to industrial use, 9 percent. This is only a fraction of a percent less than Mount Gilead. It is above that for both Aberdeen and Sanford.

By far the largest industrial user of land in Biscoe is the Spring Mills Aileen Plant, a textile plant weaving blankets and bedspreads. This concern now employs about 800 people and occupies about 12 acres of land near the heart of town, just across the railroad from the southern end of the central business area. Spring Mills owns additional acreage back of this plant. This additional land affords space for expansion and for additional parking. Approximately 30 houses just north and west of the plant are also owned by Spring Mills and rented to employees. Some of these are being sold.

The plant has two paved parking lots, but many of the employees have to park on the vacant strip of land between the railroad track and South Main Street (U. S. 220). This further adds to congestion along this already overloaded traffic artery. About two thirds of the employees at this plant come from outside the Biscoe area. This traffic must come in on either U. S. 220 or N. C. 24-27. During commuting hours, the traffic congestion is heavy. A recent widening of Mill Street has helped to alleviate the situation somewhat. Access to the plant needs further improvement, however. Otherwise, the plant is a good "neighbor".

"Miss Adventure", a small dressmaking plant, is the other textile concern in Biscoe. It is housed in two separate structures, one in which the cutting is done and the other for the sewing operation. Approximately 65 people are employed by this concern. The cutting room is located on a triangular tract formed by the intersection of Mill Street (S.R. 1503) with N. C. 24-27 West, just west of the town limits. Access and off-street parking need to be improved at this site. The sewing room, even